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TOPIC Military Information from the Wittstock Troop Training Grounds

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REMARKS

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25X1 1. Camp Dranse at the Wittstock
 25X1 (N 54/U 21) troop training grounds was occupied as follows:

15 May 1952. Tank Unit Rokoyev, from the Ludwigslust
 (N 54/T 53) airfield; 25X1

17 May. Tank Unit Lieutenant Colonel Turayev, from the
 Perleberg (N 54/T 70) airfield; 25X1

Artillery Unit Colonel Grechov, from the Alte Reiter
 Kaserne in Ludwigslust; 25X1

19 May. Tank Unit Lieutenant Colonel Yermeshek, from
 the Neue Kaserne in Parchim (N 54/T 74); 25X1

Tank Unit Colonel Clazonov, from the Neue Kaserne in
 Parchim; 25X1

Tank Unit Lieutenant Colonel Mosylenov, from the Neue
 Kaserne in Parchim. * 25X1

2. New baking ovens, for which 38,000 bricks had been delivered, were
 constructed in Camp Dranse in May 1952 and were to be completed by
 10 June. Also, an order for a transformer for the camp had been
 placed, additional wells were drilled and an underwater pump with a
 capacity of 11 cubic meters per hour was installed. Material requisitioned
 for the improvement of the camp on 21 May included: 34 carloads
 of construction material, 6 carloads of logs, 16,000 cubic meters of
 roofing paper, 400 kg of nails for prepared roof paper, 3,000 kg of
 other nails and 11,000 eastmarks worth of electric and water installations.

25X1 3. On 21 May, the woods north of the Rote Muehle at the Wittstock troop
 training grounds was occupied to capacity by tents, motor vehicles and
 personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. No incoming or departing
 troops were observed at the Wittstock railroad station or at the
 Schweinrich railroad station during the period from 15 to 21 May.

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4. The Wittstock komendatura which had previously been stationed in the former Quant Villa moved to the Paul Villa at the Dossenteich Strasse to Schweinrich road fork. **

5. On 22 May, eight tanks and 15 trucks which came from Camp Schweinrich were entrained and shipped away in Branse. A second train was being loaded while, between 20 and 25 tanks, were waiting for shipment at the Branse-Schweinrich road. [] the unit moved for an exercise to the area of Burr (P 53/Y 81). ***

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6. In mid-May, [] one Vasya Kebashevski was chief of the Kech in Wittstock. **

7. At 4 p.m. on 24 May, 25 new [] trucks were unloaded at the Branse railroad station. Motor vehicles [] were seen.

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8. A radio station with a radio mast, about 4 meters high was seen just south of the road about 500 meters west of Berlinchen. Numerous low wooden buildings and tanks were seen in the area of forest sections 112, 113 and 114, north of the Schweinrich-Zechlin road on 24 May.

9. A column of 17 tank cars passed through Zechlin, coming from the direction of Rheinsberg and proceeding in the direction of Schweinrich at 5 p.m. on 24 May. []

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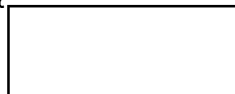
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** [] Comment. [] confirm that the Wittstock troop training grounds was occupied by units of the 18th Mecz Div until late May 1951. [] The Rote Muchle is north of Wittstock between the airfield and Wittstock. A tent camp and a camp of low wooden buildings in forest sections 112 through 114 were reported for the first time. Contrary to custom, according to which the area adjoining the troop training grounds were used as quartering areas for troops, the camp of low wooden buildings was situated in the midst of artillery emplacement areas which were known from previous reports. The fuel column observed in paragraph 9 belongs to the 12th Gds Tank Div.

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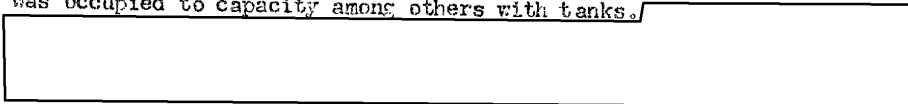
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Comment. No information is available to indicate the destinations of these trains which probably carried tank units of the 18th Pocz Div. Interesting in this conjunction is the report on 26 May 1952, practices were held in the area north of Ludwigslust and that the Tschentlin airfield was occupied to capacity among others with tanks.

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